2005 and held discussions with US Co-Chair, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Mr. Nicholas Burns, on the implementation of the India-US understanding on civilian nuclear energy cooperation of July 18,2005.

(b) These discussions were carried forward during the visit of Under Secretary Burns to New Delhi on 19-20 January and 23-24 February, 2006 and focused on four critical elements: the broad contours of a separation plan; the list of facilities being classified civilian; the nature of safeguards applied to facilities listed in the civilian domain; and the nature and scope of changes expected in US domestic laws and NSG guidelines to enable full civilian nuclear energy cooperation with India. India's full and complete Separation Plan has been tabled in Parliament on May 11, 2006.

(c) Implementation of the separation of the facilities classified as civilian will be as per the Separation Plan tabled in Parliament.

Concern about terrorist camps

3525. SHRl KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister while accepting Pak President's invitation has conveyed through the visiting Pak Foreign Minister India's deep concern about the continuing active existence of terrorist camps and infrastructure of terrorism on the Pakistan side, in the context of terrorist attacks in New Delhi and Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the Pak reaction and response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRl E. AHAMMED): (a) No. The Pakistan Foreign Minister has not visited India since the terrorist attacks in Delhi and Bangalore.

(b) Does not arise.

Delay in construction of regional passport office in Bangalore

3526. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Karnataka has

allotted 3 acres of land in 2000 for construction of Regional Passport Office in Bangalore;

(b) if so, why has the Minister of External Affairs failed to utilize the land, and the reasons for the delay in constructing the Regional Passport Office building in Bangalore;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Comptroller and Auditor General has found a loss of Rs. 36.54 lakhs incurred yearly by RPO in Bangalore for functioning in a rented building; and

(d) when would the building be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The construction of the Regional Passport Office building has commenced in February 2005. The delay in implementing the project was mainly due to the time taken for obtaining necessary clearance from local authorities and financial approval from competent authorities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The construction of the building is expected to be completed by March, 2007.

Indian workers in Afghanistan

3527. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any concrete steps for the safety and security of Indian workers in Afghanistan in view of recent kidnapping and killing of two Indians;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Indians working in Afghanistan at present;

(d) whether Government propose to pull out workers in view of threat to their life in that country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?